

### 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed  
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly  
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter  
△ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,

why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly  
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they  
Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was  
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it  
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -

birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.  
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.  
known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.  
flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.  
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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## Confession and Absolution

*Please stand as you are able. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

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**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### Self-examination

**P** We will have a period of silence as we reflect on our nature in light of God's Word and the Ten Commandments.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Call to confess

**P** Let us call unto the Lord.

### Confession of Sins

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

## Absolution

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**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Sharing the Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis

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**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Verse of the Month

**P** Our service continues as we speak our Verse of the Month from Romans, chapter six, verse five.

**C** **For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. (Romans 6:5)**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
    my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
    he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
    or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
    and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
    he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
    till he has established justice in the earth;  
    and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
    who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
    who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
    who gives breath to the people on it  
        and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
    I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
    a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
    from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name;  
    my glory I give to no other,  
    nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
    and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
    I tell you of them.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody

*Psalm 129:1-11*

**P** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C** **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

**P** The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

**C** **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

**P** The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**C** **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

**P** The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**C** **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

**P** The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**C** **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

**P** May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Alleluia and Verse

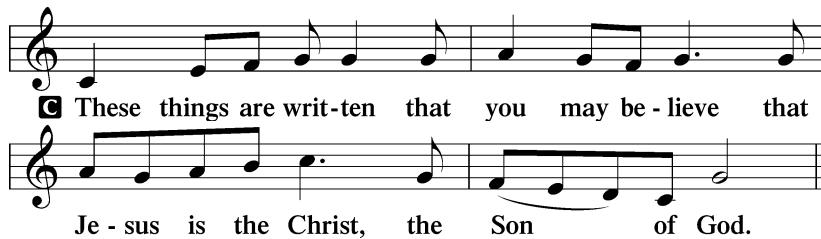
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### Verse

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## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:13-17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

### 407 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Fa-ther's  
 2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him-self has  
 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and  
 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex -

plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
 spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
 won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,  
 tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove

Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
 And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -  
 Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -

now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.  
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,

And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's op -  
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while be -  
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full - est  
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find a

pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
 stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.  
 mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."  
 dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
    “Go out to ev’ry nation,  
And bring to them the living Word  
    And this My invitation:  
Let ev’ryone abandon sin  
    And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win  
    Full pardon and remission  
And heav’nly bliss inherit.”

6 But woe to those who cast aside  
    This grace so freely given;  
They shall in sin and shame abide  
    And to despair be driven.  
For born in sin, their works must fail,  
    Their striving saves them never;

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Their pious acts do not avail,  
    And they are lost forever,  
Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds  
    Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds  
    The pow’r of Jesus’ merit.  
For here it sees the crimson flood  
    To all our ills bring healing;  
The wonders of His precious blood  
    The love of God revealing,  
Assuring His own pardon.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Prayer of the Church

*Please be seated.*

## Service of the Sacrament

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**  
  
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth  
     as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
     as we forgive those  
     who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
     but deliver us from evil.  
**For Thine is the kingdom**  
 and the power and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{\tfrac{X}{T}}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{\tfrac{X}{T}}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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*Please be seated.*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

### Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

### Dismissal Statement

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart  $\text{†}$  in peace and joy.

**C** **Amen.**

## 600 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

1. Mark how the Lamb of God's self - of - f'ring Our hu - man  
2. From this as - sur - ance of God's fa - vor Je - sus goes  
3. Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the  
sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the  
to the wil - der - ness, There to en - dure a time of  
faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal  
Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.  
test - ing That read - ied Him to teach and bless.  
call - ing; Christ's roy - al priest-hood help us share.  
Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo,  
So we, by wa - ter and the Spir - it Bap -  
Turn us from ev - 'ry false al - le - giance, That  
this is My be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove-like  
tized in - to Christ's min - is - try, Are of - ten led to  
we may trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a  
form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.  
paths of ser - vice Through maz - es of ad - ver - si - ty.  
cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be Your own."

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## 602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;  
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;  
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;  
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.  
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,  
 Gifts far more than we see;  
 Beneath the bread and wine  
 Is food from Calvary.  
 The body and the blood  
 Remove our ev'ry sin;  
 We leave His presence in  
 His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One  
 Who lavishes such love;  
 The triune God in love  
 Assures our life above.  
 His means of grace for us  
 Are gifts He loves to give;  
 All thanks and praise for His  
 Great love by which we live!

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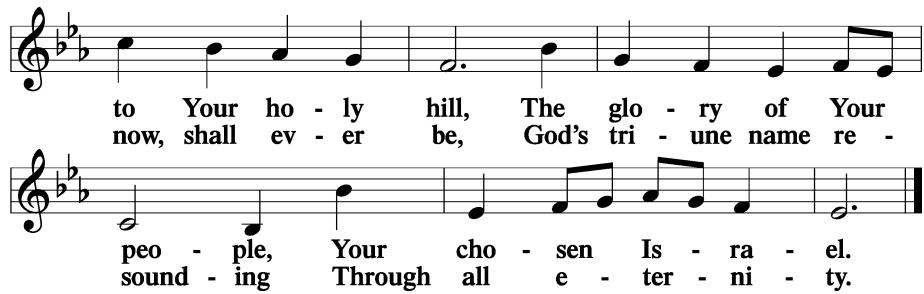
1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confess-ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,  
 The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.  
 The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.  
 The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed  
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,  
 The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.  
 The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
 Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 U - nite us as one in this life that we share.  
 His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing  
 To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
 Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## Nunc Dimitiss

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**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the be - gin - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Un -



### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benedicamus

*LSB 212*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\ddagger$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

1. God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2. Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3. Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4. Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
 5. There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long  
 in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:  
 Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -  
 trea - sures man - y? I have one worth con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism font I've trav - eled, All your might has dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con - more than an - y That brought me sal - did re - lease me In a dear for - come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your bright ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty! giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood? tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me! strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine. in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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